

# Durham

## *Pertinent Facts About Durham, North Carolina and Municipal Government in Durham*



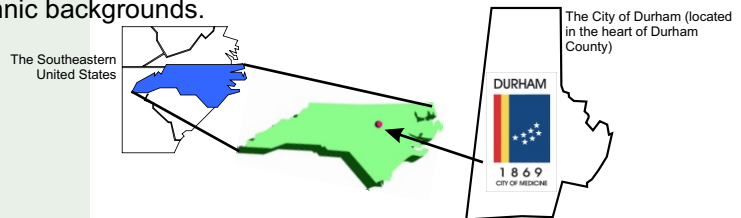
Durham, North Carolina is located in North Carolina's eastern Piedmont to the northeast of the state's geographical center. Located at 36 degrees North latitude and at 78 degrees 55 minutes West longitude, Durham is the fourth largest city in the state, the county seat, and the only municipality in Durham County. The city takes pride in its educational, cultural, athletics, and medical assets.

Durham was first named in 1851 when a postmaster was appointed for the area and the name Durhamville was used. The name was taken from the family name of Dr. Bartlett Snipes Durham, who at that time owned several acres of land in what is now downtown Durham. The town's first step in becoming a major city came in 1854 when the North Carolina Railroad Company decided to locate a station in the town. The station was built on four acres of land owned by Dr. Durham near what is now Corcoran Street. The North Carolina General Assembly incorporated Durham in 1866 and again in 1869 after Congress invalidated the governments of the old Confederacy.

A significant piece of United States history took place in Durham. Due to a disagreement between plantation owners and farmers, North Carolina was one of the last states to secede from the Union. Durhamites fought in several North Carolina regiments. Seventeen days after General Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Union, General Sherman and Confederate General Johnston negotiated the largest surrender of confederate troops and ended the Civil War at Bennett Place in Durham.

## *Area and Population*

Durham covers an area of 102.3 square miles. The estimated population of 207,697 includes a rich diversity of racial and ethnic backgrounds.



## *City Government*

The City of Durham has operated under the Council-Manager form of government since 1921. Durham City Council is comprised of seven members: three members from specific wards, three at-large-members and the Mayor. The terms for the City Council seats are staggered, and nonpartisan elections are held every two years. The ward members elected in 2001 serve a four-year term. The at-large seats filled in 2001 were contested in 2003 and those elected in 2003 will serve a four-year term. City Council is the legislative and policy-making body for Durham and is the final authority on most matters relating to the City. The Council is responsible for establishing general policies for the City; appointing the City Manager, City

Attorney, City Clerk and members of various boards and commissions; enacting ordinances, resolutions and orders, adopting the annual budget, and authorizing contracts on the City's behalf. The City Council convenes its regular business meeting every first and third Monday at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall (101 City Hall Plaza). The meetings are open to the public and can also be viewed on cable channel 8. Work sessions are held two Thursdays preceding its regular business meeting to receive information briefings and presentations. The work session is held at 1:00 p.m. in the Council's Committee Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor City Hall). Citizens matters are held during the work session at 4:00 p.m.



The Mayor serves as presiding officer of the City Council and votes on all matters that come before the body. The Mayor also appoints standing and special committees of the Council, unless the Council votes to elect such committees. As official head of city government, the Mayor represents the City on ceremonial occasions. The City Manager is the administrative head of city government and is responsible for the efficient management of the City's operations. The Council appoints the Manager who ensures the ordinances and policies set by Council are carried out. The Manager is also responsible for preparing the annual budget and for supervising city departments and personnel (except the City Attorney's and City Clerk's offices). As an employee of the City Council, the Manager normally attends all Council meetings.

City Government services are headquartered at Durham City Hall in Downtown Durham. Service facilities including police, fire stations, recreational facilities, water and wastewater facilities, and public works operations can be found throughout the community.

## *Building Activity*

Fiscal Year	New Residential Construction	New Nonresidential Construction	Residential Repair	Non residential Repairs	Total
1993	78,612,025	73,308,604	8,678,434	55,282,896	215,881,959
1994	73,852,987	95,388,801	11,509,681	54,683,964	235,435,433
1995	92,532,870	103,191,961	8,347,905	65,528,674	269,601,410
1996	154,577,799	71,749,029	7,401,700	49,641,114	283,369,642
1997	109,611,300	89,746,029	7,401,700	49,641,114	259,569,914
1998	168,393,389	147,097,067	10,261,036	10,3483,623	429,235,115
1999	267,085,166	106,957,533	31,902,375	121,984,623	527,929,929
2000	267,825,263	858,55,032	15,546,143	110,441,329	479,667,767
2001	305,868,008	237,754,046	18,495,573	198,698,999	760,816,626
2002	261,862,581	237,754,046	2,850,766	140,600	366,672,946
2003	242,825,733	118,314,048	29,120,143	162,595,692	552,855,616
2004	306,038,919	121,569,289	33,930,552	68,085,645	529,624,505
2005*	323,391,588	185,540,246	38,583,425	114,492,322	662,007,581

\*Period from 7/01/04 - 05/31/05

## *Commerce and Industry*

In recent years, industry in the City has been diversifying rapidly, lessening the dependence of the local economy on the tobacco industry. Among the larger industries located in the city are: textiles, machinery, proprietary medicines, furniture, lumber products, building materials, life insurance, containers, chemicals, and food for livestock. Some of the corporate headquarters located in the Greater Durham area include Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Verizon, GlaxoSmithKline Inc., and North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Some of the largest industrial and commercial employers in the Durham area are:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina	Nortel Networks
Duke University	Quintiles Transnational Corporation
GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.	Research Triangle Institute (RTI)
International Business Machines (IBM)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	Verizon

Some major research companies are also located in the Durham area. Research Triangle Park, the largest planned research park in the United States, is located nearly equidistant from the four major universities: North Carolina State University in Raleigh, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central University and Duke University in Durham. The Park was organized in 1959 and is under the direction of the Research Triangle Foundation, a non-profit organization. The 7,000-acre campus for research laboratories and research-oriented industries is adjacent to Durham. Approximately 90 percent of the total park area is located in Durham County. Since its establishment in 1959, Research Triangle Park has been home to some of the brightest minds in the world. With over 38,000 employees working for over 130 companies, RTP is one of the largest research parks in the world.

### *Top Ten Organizations in Research Triangle Park*

<b>Bayer Crop Science</b> 2 T.W. Alexander Drive P.O. Box 12014 <a href="http://www.BayerCropScienceUS.com">www.BayerCropScienceUS.com</a>	<b>Nortel Networks</b> 4008 Chapel Hill Nelson Blvd. P.O. Box 13010 <a href="http://www.nortelnetworks.com">www.nortelnetworks.com</a>
<b>Cisco Systems</b> 7025 Kit Creek Road P.O. Box 14987 <a href="http://www.cisco.com">www.cisco.com</a>	<b>Reichhold, Inc.</b> 2400 Ellis Road P.O. Box 13582 <a href="http://www.reichhold.com">www.reichhold.com</a>
<b>GlaxoSmithKline, Inc</b> 5 Moore Drive P.O. Box 13398 <a href="http://www.gsk.com">www.gsk.com</a>	<b>RTI International</b> 3040 Cornwallis Road P.O. Box 12194 <a href="http://www.rti.org">www.rti.org</a>
<b>International Business Machines (IBM)</b> 3039 Corwallis Road P.O. Box 12195 <a href="http://www.ibm.com">www.ibm.com</a>	<b>Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.</b> 12 Laboratory Drive P.O. Box 13995 <a href="http://www.ul.com">www.ul.com</a>
<b>National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences</b> 79 T.W. Alexander Drive P.O. Box 12233 <a href="http://www.niehs.nih.com">www.niehs.nih.com</a>	<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b> 109 T.W. Alexander Drive <a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>

### *Durham Banks*

Bank of America	RBC Centura
Branch Banking and Trust	South Bank
Cardinal State Bank	State Employees Credit Union
First Citizens Bank and Trust	SunTrust
Mechanics and Farmers Bank	Wachovia Bank
Mutual Community Savings Bank	





Some of Durham's greatest assets are its outstanding educational facilities. Durham, North Carolina is the home of two universities – Duke University and North Carolina Central University.

**Duke University**, founded in 1924 as Trinity College, is a private Methodist Church-related university, with an enrollment of 11,526 (including part-time) in its nine schools and colleges. Students pursue graduate, undergraduate and professional degrees in 120 different disciplines including medicine, nursing, engineering, and allied health fields. Duke University is among the nation's top universities. Duke University's mission is "...to provide superior liberal education to undergraduate students, attending not only to their intellectual growth, but also to their development as adults committed to high ethical standards and full participation as leaders in their communities..." The highlights of the campus include Duke Chapel, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Cameron Indoor Stadium, 7,700-acre Duke Forest, Duke University Museum of Art, Duke University Medical Center and the Primate Center. Richard H. Brodhead, holds the position as the ninth president of the university. [www.dukeuni.edu](http://www.dukeuni.edu)

**North Carolina Central University**, the nation's first publicly-supported historically black educational institution encourages attendance from all ethnic backgrounds. This state-supported university, founded in 1910, has an enrollment of 7,727 students (including part-time). North Carolina Central University offers five schools for academic enhancement – law, business, library sciences, arts and sciences, and education – offering degrees in 92 disciplines. The University is located on a 104-acres campus in southeast Durham. It features a bronze statue of founder Dr. James E. Shepard, an art museum, law school rated the nation's highest for women, and the Leroy T. Walker Complex, named for the former president of the United States Olympic Committee. One of the goals of this university is to prepare students academically and professionally and to promote consciousness of social responsibility and dedication to the advancement of the general welfare of the people of North Carolina, the United States, and the world. James Ammons serves as the university's ninth chief administrator.



The North Carolina Central University Sound Machine

Also located near Durham are the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, ten miles to the southwest and North Carolina State University, which is located in Raleigh, 23 miles east of Durham. Both of these universities have highly rated graduate and professional schools. [www.nccu.edu](http://www.nccu.edu)

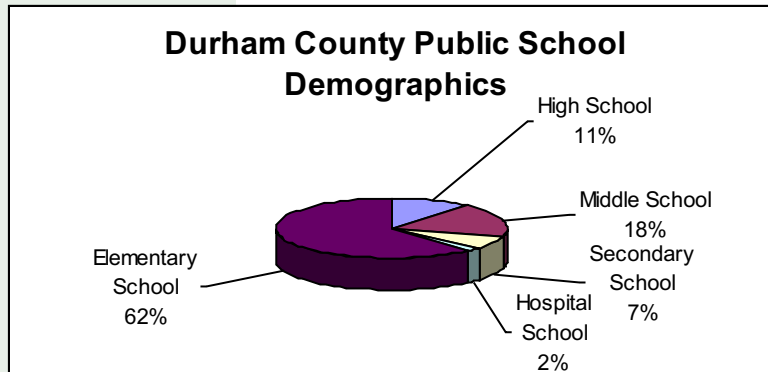


**Durham Technical Community College**, founded in 1961, has a main campus near Research Triangle Park, an auxiliary campus in northern Durham, and classes at the Orange County Skills Development Center in Chapel Hill. Over 22,000 students attend Durham Technical Community College annually for career education, skills training, and personal enrichment. More than 75 degree, diploma and certificate programs are offered in computers, health, business, public services, industry, engineering, and other career fields – along with one of the best university transfer programs in the state. Durham Tech's Corporate Education Center trains Triangle employees either at the work site or at the college. [www.durhamtech.edu](http://www.durhamtech.edu)

**The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics** opened in September 1980 and is a state-supported high school for eleventh and twelfth grade students who are exceptionally talented in the fields of science and mathematics. Located in west Durham on the site formerly occupied by the Watts Hospital facility, the



Science and Mathematics School has received national acclaim for its emphasis in advanced math and science education for high school students. [www.ncssm.edu](http://www.ncssm.edu)



Durham Public Schools has five public senior high schools, eight middle schools, two secondary schools (grade 6-12), one hospital school, and 28 elementary schools that serve all sections of Durham and Durham County. Durham Public Schools currently provides education for nearly 31,000 students in all of its school districts. In addition, there are 14 private and parochial schools that offer classes ranging from kindergarten through senior high and 10 charter schools.

## Medicine



The Durham area has one of the highest per capita concentrations of hospital beds and physicians in the world. With over 2,300 physicians, there is an approximate average of 10.6 physicians per 1000 residents in Durham. Two excellent university teaching hospitals are located in the area -- Duke Medical Center in Durham and UNC Hospitals (state teaching hospital) in Chapel Hill.

A \$95.4 million north division of Duke University Hospital, the largest construction project ever undertaken in Durham, opened in 1980. Duke is licensed to hold about 1,150 beds. In 2000 the \$30.5 million McGovern-Davison Children's Health Center, a division of Duke Medical Center, was completed. It serves more than 35,000 patients each year. UNC Hospitals has a license for 684 beds. Durham also has a 502-bed Veterans' Administration Hospital and the Durham Regional Hospital with 391 beds. North Carolina Eye and Ear Hospital, specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat disorders, has 24 beds. Lincoln Community Health Center is an outpatient clinic in south Durham that provides various health services especially for economically deprived citizens of the community.

Research in the field of medical technology is very prevalent in the Durham area with several laboratories in the Research Triangle Park undertaking research in the areas of pharmaceutical products, medical devices, health care products and health sciences, and processing health information.

In recognition of the outstanding quality and quantity of medical technology and services in the Durham area, the Durham City Council in 1981 designated Durham's slogan as the "City of Medicine." A special "City of Medicine" exhibit from Durham was displayed in the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the result of a joint effort of a Duke physician and the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham.

## Utilities

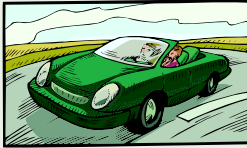


For the calendar year 2004, the average consumption of water amounted to 26.82 million gallons per day (MGD). The City's raw water capacity is 37 MGD with a maximum of water treatment capacity of 52 MGD. Wastewater treatment capacity of the City totals 40 million gallons per day. During 2003, city wastewater treatment facilities processed an average of 19.09 MGD. The City's water and sewer system is self-supporting with approximately 75,646 active/inactive City/County accounts.

Duke Power Company serves the City with electricity, natural gas is provided by PSNC Energy, and telephone service by Verizon.

The City owns and operates four off-street parking garages, three attendant parking lots and 11 unattended parking lots in the central business district.

## Transportation



Durham is served by U. S. Highways 15-501 and 70; Interstates 85 and 40, and N.C. Highways 54, 55, 98, 147 (Durham Freeway), 157 (Guess Road) and 751. The City maintains 600.8 miles of paved and 27.91 miles of unpaved city and state highways and streets.

Domestic airlines (American, Delta, United, US Airways, Northwest, AirTran, Falcon Air Express, Continental, Air Canada, America West, and Southwest) fly over 8.5 million passengers annually from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, located ten miles from Durham. Direct service is available to major cities throughout the United States including New York/Newark, Washington, Orlando, Las Vegas, San Jose, and others. American Airlines offers one daily non-stop departure to London.

The City is served by two railroads - Norfolk Southern Corporation and Amtrak. Durham offers connections to all points with Greyhound/Carolina Trailways bus lines. Local bus service is provided by Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) with 17 bus routes throughout the city and by Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) with two bus routes.

## Sightseeing

*Durham is proud of its many historic and educational sightseeing attractions. Among these are:*

**American Tobacco Historic District**, 400 Blackwell Street, former Lucky Strike cigarette factory and former headquarters of American Tobacco Company being transformed into a one-million-sq.-ft. retail/residential/office adaptive reuse district. One of the most ambitious, largest, and farthest reaching historic preservation and renovation projects in the history of N.C. Phase one is currently complete and includes restaurants, shops, an amphitheater, and on-site parking garages.



**Bennett Place State Historic Site**, 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, is the location of the surrender by Confederate General Johnston to Union General Sherman at the end of the Civil War in 1865. This site is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The site features a restoration with furnishings and picnic sites and modern visitors center with exhibits and AV program. There is no admission charge.



**Carolina Theatre of Durham, Inc.**, Royall Center for the Arts, 309 W. Morgan Street, is located in the renovated downtown historic 1926 Beaux Arts Auditorium for Performing Arts. It features 1,016-seat Fletcher Hall and two art-film cinemas. [www.carolinatheatre.org](http://www.carolinatheatre.org)

**Downtown Durham Historic District**, Downtown Durham, Morgan-Peabody Loop, is North Carolina's first commercial district on the National Register of Historic Places. The Downtown Durham Historic District includes Main Street, government buildings, the central business district and the Carolina Theatre. A site of major festivals in May and September, it is also the home of the Durham Bulls. A second district near the intersection of West Main Street and Gregson Street is Brightleaf Historic District, anchored by the namesake Brightleaf Square, which includes turn-of-the-century brick tobacco warehouses with world-class restaurants, art galleries, jewelers, clothiers and specialty shops.



**Duke University Museum of Art**, Duke University East Campus, is an attraction with collections of varied arts and crafts from many ages and points around the world. The museum is open at no charge Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. (Wednesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.), Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. May 26, 2004, the museum closed permanently. The museum will move to a new, 65,000-square-foot building on Duke's Central Campus. Its new name will be the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University.

[www.duke.edu/web/duma/](http://www.duke.edu/web/duma/)





**Duke Chapel**, Duke University West Campus, is a gothic edifice with 77 inspirational stained glass windows and a 210-ft. bell tower patterned after Canterbury Cathedral in England. During the academic year, it is open daily from 8 a.m. through 10 p.m. At other times, it is open daily from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. Guided tours can be arranged by calling the Chapel Hostess (684-2572).

**Sarah P. Duke Memorial Gardens**, Duke University West Campus, is a valley of flora bordered by a pine forest and centering on a lily pond, stone terraces and wisteria-covered gazebo, with seasonal plantings in a spectacular array of color. It attracts approximately 300,000 visitors annually to view 55 acres. It is open daily to the public without charge from 8:00 a.m. until dusk. [www.duke.edu/dukegardens](http://www.duke.edu/dukegardens)



**Duke Homestead State Historic Site**, A National Historic Landmark where the Duke fortune and the nation's tobacco industry began. Adjacent to Duke Homestead, a tobacco history museum traces the history of tobacco from the Indians to the present. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. [www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/duke/duke.htm](http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/duke/duke.htm)

**North Carolina Museum of Life and Science**, 433 Murray Avenue, The Museum was rated among the "top four family-friendly museums in the Southeast" by Family Fun magazine. The Museum is a state-of-the-art interactive indoor/outdoor science-technology center including the renowned Magic Wings Butterfly House, Bayer Crop Science Insectarium, Ellerbee Creek Railway, weather and aerospace displays, daily science shows, and ever-changing traveling hands-on exhibits. The Museum is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m.- 5 p.m. Beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, the Museum is open until 6 p.m. General admission charge (adults - \$8.50, children ages 3-12 - \$6.00, free under age 2, Senior Citizens - \$7.50). [www.ncmls.org](http://www.ncmls.org)



**West Point on the Eno**, Roxboro Road across from Riverview Shopping Center, is a forty-acre city park, part of over four-hundred acres owned by the City of Durham along a two-mile stretch of the Eno River. Nestled within this wilderness area, West Point on the Eno has a strong historical focus. There are trails and woods and waters, each somewhat as they were centuries ago when this area was the home of the Shocco Adshusheer and Eno Indians. There are also restored buildings and gardens, designed to give visitors an accurate picture of life as it was in the heyday of this once-thriving mill community. The restored McCown-Mangum House is a visitor center and small museum. Special activities sponsored by the "Eno River Association" are held at the park site on July 4th each year. The area is open year-round to the public daily, 8 a.m. to dark, free of charge. [www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/parks/parks.cfm](http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/parks/parks.cfm)



**Hayti Heritage Center**, 804 Old Fayetteville Street, features permanent displays of photography and equipment of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century local photographers. Contemporary exhibits are featured on a rotating basis. Open 1 – 5pm on Saturday. (919) 683-1709.



**Historic Durham Athletic Park**, 500 West Corporation Street, is a film location for the movie Bull Durham, starring Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, and Tim Robbins. It is home to the Durham Americans, after 50 years as the original home of the Durham Bulls. The Bulls now play a few miles south in Durham Bulls Athletic Park, a facility which captures the brick texture of historic Durham yet remains fully state-of-the-art. (919) 560-4355.



**Historic Stagville**, 5825 Old Oxford Highway, is a State historic Site. Once among the largest plantation holdings in the South, it features 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings dedicated to preservation as well as African American cultural/historic studies. Barn and original slave quarters at Horton Grove provide insight into plantation life, society, and culture. (919) 620-0120.

**St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church**, 804 Old Fayetteville Street, is one of the first autonomous African-American churches in America. The 1891 brick sanctuary includes a stained-glass portrait of Washington Duke. The church was converted into a performance hall in the fall of 2001. The sanctuary is trimmed with beautiful glass and Richardsonian architecture. The

performance hall contains 416 seats and is adjacent to the Hayti Heritage Center. (919) 683-1379.



**The Streets at Southpoint**, 6702 Fayetteville Rd., is a super-regional mall that includes an outdoor cityscape called Main Street. It features 1.3 million square feet of retail space with more than 150 shops and restaurants. Featuring North Carolina's first Nordstrom, The Streets at Southpoint also includes Sears, JC Penny, Belk, and Hecht's as anchor stores. It was recognized by USA Today as one of the nation's "10 great places to spend it all in one place."



*Southpoint Mall  
inside view*



*Armory Landscaping*



*Durham Bulls Athletic Park*



*American Tobacco*



*Durham Station  
future view*